

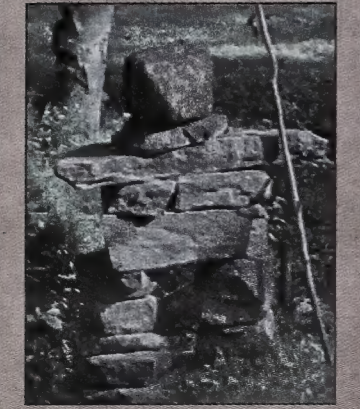
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Healthcare projects a go

■ Health minister gives final approval; Sept. 14 start date set for construction

MARTHA PERKINS
 Editor

It was truly a moment everyone had been waiting for, and as such, it was greeted with suitable fanfare.

With the ballroom of the PineStone taking on a festive atmosphere at Saturday night's Midsummer's Night Ball, MPP Chris Hodgson read from a letter from Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer announcing that the two local healthcare expansion projects have been given final approval.

The gathered crowd - women in long fancy dresses, men in ties and tuxedos, and a swing band ready to get them up onto the dance floor - broke into spontaneous applause when Hodgson declared that the long and sometimes divisive process had come to a successful conclusion.

Construction of a 30-bed long-term care unit at Haliburton Hospital and the expansion of Hyland Crest is slated to start in earnest on September 14, when the company chosen to undertake the \$20-million project begins work at both sites.

The Minden project - expansion of Hyland Crest to bring the residents' living conditions up to modern standards and the addition of an emergency department to replace the one at the aging Minden Hospital - is expected to be completed by April 2000 while the Haliburton project - adding a long-term wing and enhancing the faci-

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A long-awaited moment: At Saturday night's fundraising gala for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, the HHHS's executive director Foster Loucks and board chairman Hugh Nichol sign the tender agreements for the healthcare expansion projects while county warden Murray Feary and MPP Chris Hodgson look on.

Board plans for classes despite strike threat

PETER DOWNS
 Staff Reporter

A high school teachers' strike remains a threat, but students

and parents should continue to plan for a Sept. 8 start to classes, says the district school board.

Contract negotiations continued last week between teachers

at the area's seven public high schools and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The two sides are trying to create a single collective bargaining agreement for teachers to replace the three that have been in place since January when the former boards in Haliburton Muskoka and Victoria amalgamated.

Neither side was saying much about contract talks last week. The board said the negotiations were continuing "status quo," while the teachers' union imposed a news blackout on developments.

In mid-August teachers, who cast anonymous ballots, voted 89 per cent in favour of strike action should negotiations with the board break down.

Students and parents should pay attention to news reports to find out whether a strike is called prior to Sept. 8.

This painting by Haliburton resident Ethel Curry will be the backdrop of a sign welcoming travellers to the Highlands on Hwy 35. See page 20 for details.

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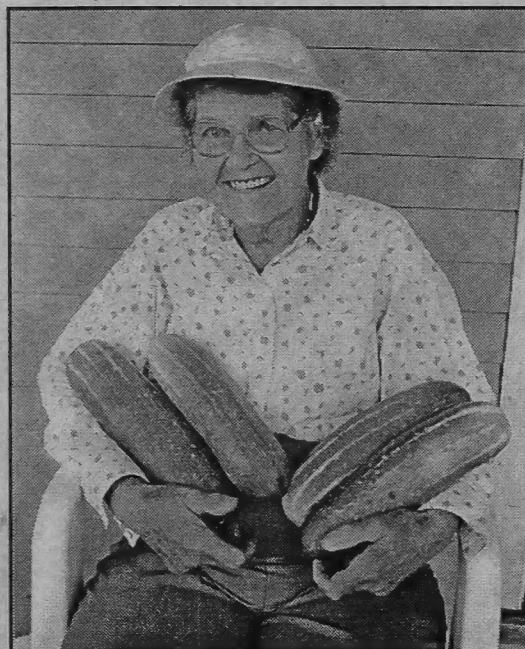
Bell's local calling area expands

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news and events worth noting

Elaine Holland, at right, has been tending her Essonville garden for many years but says she's never seen cucumbers as big as the ones she finally extracted last week. The largest weighed in 1.3 kg (2.88 lbs.), at a length of 13" and circumference of 11". All told, the four were the weight of a healthy baby: 4.17 kg or 9.174 lbs. She says her pumpkins also appear to be on a growth spurt; they were too big for her to lift and bring into the Echo office.



Bullwinkle the Moose (or Mortimer or Ernie) is back! Last week we told you about a moose that's been a summer visitor on Outlet Bay, Drag Lake. After our visit, the moose became a little camera shy and wasn't seen for a few days. We've been told there have been several sightings of him closer to the dam over the past few days.

The summer series of artisan demonstrations in downtown Haliburton has been so successful, the Haliburton County Development Corporation's arts committee has decided to continue with the project, moving it from Wednesdays to every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October 3. The schedule of participating artists is as follows: Sept. 5, painter Steve Wiggins; Sept. 12, stained glass artisan Sherry Zunde; Sept. 19, ceramics artisan Ann Frank; Sept. 26, weaver

and basket maker Vicki Cross; and Oct. 3, woodworker Richard Graesser.

The Kawartha Jazz Society has another exciting season about to get underway in Peterborough. On Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. alto sax player Gary Bartz and Juno-winning Canadian guitarist Peter Leitch will perform at The Market Hall. You won't be able to hear

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McConnell will be bringing nine of his favourite musicians, including Guido Bassoo, Mike Murley and Barry Elmes to Showplace, starting at 7:30 p.m. Then, there's a piano trio double bill on Sun. Nov. 29: The Steve Koven Trio, which won a Juno award for best Canadian Jazz Album, with Rob Clutton on bass and Harvey Pipher on drums and the Brian Dickinson Trio with Kieran Overs on bass and Jerry Fuller on drums. Ticket prices are three concerts for \$45 or approx. \$20 at the door. Mail your order to The Kawartha Jazz Society, 309 Engleburn Ave., Peterborough, Ont., K9H 1S8 or call, evenings, Craig Paterson at 705-745-3891 or Ken Brown at 705-743-8750.

Highlights of the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival include a HomeCraft Showcase with the newest in fabrics and home decor trends with special presentations by CityTV's Mary Dobson, Jane Lockhart from the Home and Garden Network, New York knitwear designer Lily Chin, haute couture designer and author Claire Shaeffer, Vogue Patterns and Butterick magazines editor Kathy Marrone, and rug hooking designer Jeanne Field. The Festival runs October 29 to November 1 at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place in Toronto. For more information call 1-800-291-2030. There's also a complete list of events at the Echo office.

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A night to remember:

■ *Midsummer's Night Gala raises \$17,000 for healthcare projects*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A New Year's Eve atmosphere at the end of August?

For the 200 people gathered at the PineStone Resort on Saturday night, this seemed entirely appropriate since they were heralding the beginning of a new age for Haliburton County.

The Midsummer's Night Gala was the launch of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's \$5.5-million campaign for the two healthcare expansion projects.

These projects – the addition of 30 long-term care beds in Haliburton and the expansion of Hyland Crest in Minden – are seen as a vital necessity for the county's future economic well-being. With proper and up-to-date healthcare facilities, not

only will cottagers and residents feel more secure about staying here as health needs increase, the county can better market itself as a place to retire.

At \$100 a ticket – with \$55 guaranteed to go to the Foundation – patrons decided that they were going to make it a night to remember. Formal gowns and tuxedos came out of the closet and onto the dance floor as the Greater Toronto Area Swing Band took centre stage with its vivacious music.

MPP Chris Hodgson's announcement that the Ministry of Health had just given final approval – and an additional \$4-million in funding – made the evening more festive. Knowing that construction will start on September 14 put a bit more bounce in everyone's step.

After years of effort by the Haliburton Highlands Health



In the swing: The vivacious music of the Greater Toronto Area Swing band, which included Highlands native and trumpeter Craig Thompson, at left, was so much fun, people couldn't resist taking a swing on the dance floor, above.

Services board, and its previous incarnations, to bring the projects this far, the focus is now on the HHHS Foundation to make the dream a financial reality.

By the time construction ends in the middle of the year 2000, the Foundation hopes to have raised \$2-million in "new" money for the projects. It already has \$1.5-million, much of it from the former fundraising campaign for 18 chronic care beds, plus \$700,000 in commitments from various community organizations. With a further \$1.3-million expected to be pledged as part of long-term planned giving – including the Foundation in a life insurance policy, for example – the Foundation believes the \$2-million goal is a realistic target.

Since county council has guaranteed a \$5.5-million loan, construction is able to get under way before all the money is raised. Now that everyone knows construction starts in a week, the Foundation is optimistic the people of Haliburton County will respond with

gusto.

"Some people have said we might not be able to raise the money," HHHS board chairman Hugh Nichol told the crowd. "But remember this – all the times we had setbacks (as a board), if we had stopped, we wouldn't be here tonight."

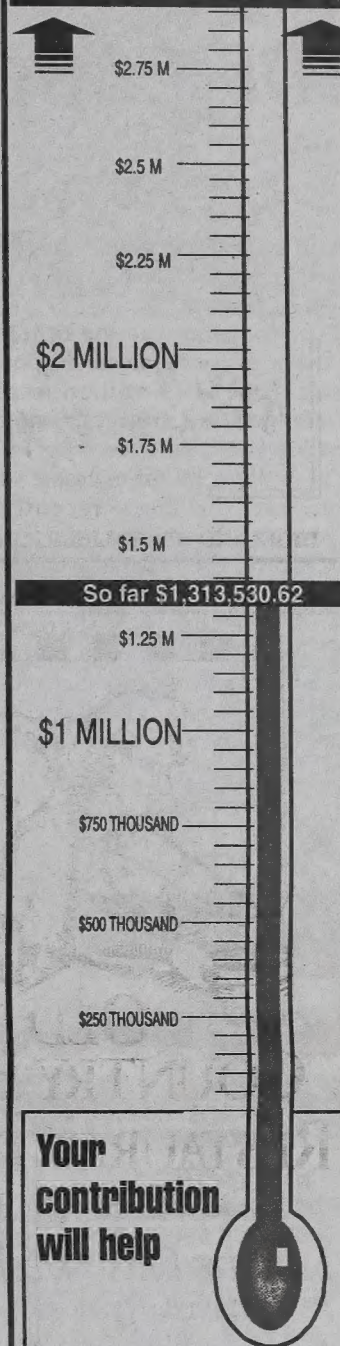
"We need to raise \$4-million and we're going to do it. End of story."

"We've been overwhelmed with people's support," said Foundation board chairperson Dale Walker, reminding everyone that "when construction starts on September 14, we're ready to take your money."

On Monday morning, the Foundation's bank account was \$17,000 richer thanks to Saturday night's gala.

As well as the proceeds from the dinner, there was money raised through a silent auction, a live auction with Art Ward, and the midnight raffle draw for a diamond necklace donated by Bill and Sandy Valentine (and won by the Lalondes of Unionville.)

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Hodgson brings news of \$4M in extra funding for hospitals

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ties at the Haliburton Hospital – is expected to be ready by that June.

But Hodgson was the bearer of more than one piece of good news. That \$19.9-million total pricetag is much higher than first expected, far exceeding the \$13.6-million initial estimate in 1993 and the more recently approved \$15.2-million.

Recently, the federal government and provincial governments agreed to pay approximately \$5.1-million each under the infrastructure program, with the county's residents and cottagers expected to raise a similar

amount. When it became clear the projects would cost more than \$15-million, however, it was feared that the county simply wouldn't be able to raise the additional money. No money, no construction.

With negotiations coming down to the wire as Saturday night's gala launch of the fundraising campaign approached, Hodgson was able to get the Ministry of Health to provide an additional \$3.9-million.

"This is tremendous news. What this means is in the worst case scenario, our local share will be \$5.8-million (instead of almost \$10-million)," he said. "This is achievable with a lot of hard work from our county."

(For details about the fundraising campaign by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, please see accompanying story.)

"Without Chris's support and effort, we had no chance of getting to this point," said Hugh Nichol, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, which is under-



A TEE-OFF FOR CHARITY:

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is \$14,000 richer after a highly successful golf tournament co-sponsored by PineStone Resort and IBM. The 96 golfers raised \$9,000 and IBM chipped in an additional \$5,000 to help with the healthcare expansion projects in Minden and Haliburton. From left are Ray Selbie, vice-chairman of the HHHSF, Nancy Hussey, PineStone's tournament chairperson, Diane Springstein, HHHSF executive director, and Trevor Morgan, PineStone's general manager.

taking the projects. Using a hockey analogy, Nichol says that Hodgson's advice has always been to pass the puck to the person best positioned to score the goal. By passing the puck to Hodgson, the county has been able to score a decisive victory.

"You really have pulled this together," Nichol told Hodgson, who is also chair of the government's management board and who was at the gala with his wife Marie. "Our communities owe you a great deal of gratitude to have this moment come together."

Hodgson harkened back to when the expansion of healthcare facilities was first discussed. He was a recent gradu-

ate of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School when the process was put in motion to add chronic care beds to the Haliburton Hospital. Later, as a local politician, he was vice-chairman of the steering committee which dealt with some of the most difficult issues facing the county: deciding whether to put the long-term care beds in Minden or Haliburton and the re-location of the Minden Hospital.

At one point, the animosity which the debate over sites engendered seem to threaten the whole process, Hodgson said. "It's ironic that today, this project has brought the county together and shows what's possible when we work together."

Nichol thanked board members past and present for their contributions of time and talent. "We've worked hard together to get to this day and this vision," he told the 200 people gathered in the ballroom.

He also thanked the County of Haliburton, which has supported the projects in submissions to the ministry, as well as by guaranteeing the county's \$5.5-million share so construction can start before all the money is raised. Nichol said "without county council's trust and confidence in our being able to bring this together", the projects could not have continued.

His thanks also went to Foster Loucks, the executive director of the HHHS. "He's quarterbacked us and kept our focus on the vision."

When Nichol and Loucks were told on Friday that Hodgson was going to be able to make the much-awaited-for announcements the following night, Nichol says he asked Loucks how this moment ranked in his career. Loucks replied, "it's my best day."

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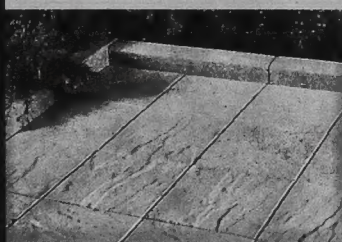
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An economic lesson on outdoor education:

Centres and camps pour millions of dollars into economy

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

They may be tucked away in the woods where they aren't readily visible, but outdoor education centres and camps stand in the forefront when it comes to driving the county's economy.

Not only do the centres and camps draw thousands of visitors to the Highlands each year, resulting in millions of dollars in spin-off business, but also they're among the county's top employers.

Even those who run the outdoor education facilities were surprised by the findings of a report they assembled, looking at their combined socio-economic impact on the county.

David Bishop, Jr., education co-ordinator at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, presented the report recently to a county marketing committee.

Bishop was representing a marketing alliance of seven outdoor education centres, including Haliburton Forest, the Leslie M. Frost Center, YMCA Camp Wanakita, Medeba Adventure Learning Centre, Camp Kandalore, Kinark Outdoor Centre and Bark Lake.

Bishop's report indicates the seven centres:

- employ 63 full-time workers and 370 part-time staff;
- are on line to generate \$4.75-million in revenue this year;
- and have 98,000 visitor days booked for the year, with capacity for 162,000 visitor days. (One visitor day is allotted to each visitor booked at one of the centres for a 24-hour period.)

"When we put all the numbers together from the seven centres, we said, 'Holy

Smokes.' I don't think anyone realized it was such a big impact," said Bishop.

And when the county's 35 mainly summer camps — a few offer year-round programs — are added to the mix the economic potential is even more impressive.

Among them the camps hire roughly 4,200 full- and part-time staff. They have a combined capacity for approximately 600,000 visitor days per year, generating an unknown but significant amount of revenue.

As the county puts together a marketing strategy through various initiatives, it's clear that it can't afford to overlook the value of the outdoors and outdoor education, said Barrie Martin, the Frost Centre's marketing co-ordinator.

"Outdoor learning draws a lot of people into the county. And the courses and the learning that takes place represents a tremendous amount of diversity for people," he said.

Bishop recognized the economic spin-off for the county is typically less from someone who goes to an outdoor centre for a course or attends a camp and brings with them much of what they need compared to a resort guest who usually needs to spend more on meals and supplies.

However, the centres and camps themselves need to buy goods and services locally to accommodate their guests and maintain their facilities.

"There's still a fair amount of spin-off that helps the economy," said Bishop.

As well, people who go to camp in the Highlands or attend a workshop at one of the outdoors centres may well return to the Highlands in the future to stay at a resort or inn, he said.

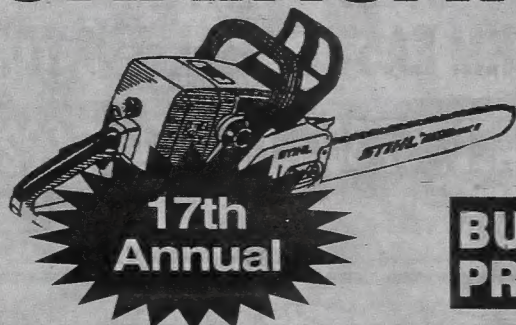


Drag Lake Corn Roast:

As a traditional end to another wonderful summer on Drag Lake, the property owners association hosted its annual corn roast at Sandy Cove on Saturday. Enjoying the food and fellowship were Katherine Kumpula and Ashley Inglis, above, and Bobbie Bicknell, Mac McInerney and Blue Olexluk, below.



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Hodgson's popularity reaffirmed by PC vote

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Winning the candidacy to represent Haliburton-Victoria-Brock in the next provincial election is a pretty good way to celebrate an anniversary, according to MPP Chris Hodgson.

Hodgson and his wife, Marie, gathered at the Dunsford Community Centre Thursday with hundreds of Ontario Progressive Conservative Party members on the evening of their 15-year anniversary to select the party's next parliamentary candidate for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock.

"I always take her out for a nice dinner on our anniversary," joked Hodgson. "I spare no expense." A public corn roast outside the community centre was part of the celebration.

Warden Murray Fearrey formally nominated Hodgson to represent the riding of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock.

"From time to time in politics, individuals surface that have youth, very special charisma, ability and political smarts. Chris Hodgson has all these attributes," said Fearrey, who compared Hodgson's popularity with that of former premier Leslie M. Frost.

And with no candidates to run against him, Hodgson won the vote by acclamation.

Hodgson first came to office in 1994, when he won in the riding's by-election, despite a third-place ranking for his

party in the polls. The following year, his leadership was reconfirmed by his victory in the provincial election.

Hodgson brings a diverse political background to the position, having served as the Minister of Natural Resources while in opposition and acted on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills and the Task Force on Rural Economic Development.

He currently serves as Minister of Northern Development and Mines and was appointed Deputy House Leader and chair of the Management Board of Cabinet last year. He also oversees information technology and all gambling in the province.

In his address to party members, Hodgson credited the tough line his party took in 1995 for his success as a politician.

"We've had the courage to take on the tough issues . . . I can say honestly before you that we've had a leader in the party, that we've lived up to what we said we would do."

Hodgson focused on the measures taken by the provincial government to implement a stringent fiscal policy in Ontario, including cuts to health care and education.

"We've made tremendous progress. The fiscal house in this province is slowly starting to get in order . . . We promised to have a balanced budget in five years and we're on track to do that."



LOCAL SUPPORT:

Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney (left) and Warden Murray Fearrey (right) congratulate MPP Chris Hodgson on his nomination to represent the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock during the next election.

While Hodgson admitted that the provincial government's reforms had been difficult and had faced a lot of resistance, he urged his supporters to remain confident in the party's vision.

"Our motives are pure and we're trying to do this the best we can. We're not perfect. We make a lot of mistakes on the implementation, but if we work together, we can achieve that."

As his four children sat on stage, the youngest two playing with the balloons by the podium, Hodgson talked at length about the importance of reforming the education system in Ontario — a process, he said, that would likely lead to resistance this year by teachers and unions.

Supporters applauded as Hodgson stressed that the party would need to stand firm in the face of

special interests if it wanted to create a top-quality education system in Ontario.

"That's the number one social program. Don't allow that to go out the window because people are afraid of the unions."

In his closing remarks, Hodgson thanked Premier Mike Harris' government for making the hard decisions that he felt would improve economic and social conditions in the province.

"It's absolutely essential that we continue on the track of keeping our government so it's sustainable, affordable and living within its means."

After Hodgson's address, party members selected delegates to attend the party's convention in Ottawa October 16 to 18, which could be their last general meeting before the next election.

Among those selected to attend are Haliburton representatives Dale Walker and Ted Brandon.

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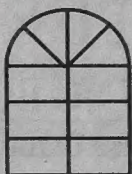


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"New Galway" proposes marriage

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As the prospective groom asking for Haliburton County's hand in marriage, "New Galway" wants to make sure the bride knows what a good catch she'd be getting.

First there's financial stability: property assessment in Galway township is \$180-million, providing a nice nest egg of taxation potential.

The groom's assets also include a volunteer fire department, 9-1-1 service, low welfare costs and no social housing to have to worry about. (Although the groom has about 50 children to educate, these children are already going to school in the Trillium Lakelands district, which includes Haliburton County.)

Then there's compatibility: Encompassing Crystal, Fortesque, Salmon and White Lakes, "New Galway" is very similar in temperament to Haliburton County, which has the same mix of seasonal and permanent residents. Since many of the people from "New Galway" already do many of their shopping, social and medical visits in the Highlands, the couple already knows both sides are able to get along well with each other.

However, there is one hitch: in

Northern township wants a divorce from Peterborough County so it can pledge its troth to Haliburton County. The potential bride seems amenable to the idea

order to marry Haliburton County, "New Galway" first has to get a divorce from its present long-term relationship with the municipality of Galway/Cavendish and Harvey. Its parent, Peterborough County, must also give its blessing to the severing of ties.

Although it wasn't quite put in these terms, this is the proposal Peter Charters made to Haliburton County's steering committee on Tuesday night. Much to his satisfaction, the bride-to-be made suitable murmurs of consent.

"New Galway" is the name Charters and the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association have given to the northern part of the former municipality of Galway/Cavendish. Against its wishes, Galway/Cavendish was amalgamated with the Township of Harvey (the Buckhorn area) after the 1997 municipal elections.

As Galway/Cavendish, residents' opinion was mixed in wanting to separate from Peterborough County and join with Haliburton County. In essence, the people in Cavendish, to the south, felt there were stronger ties with Peterborough while the people of Galway, in the north, felt there were stronger ties with Haliburton.

There are some people in Galway who want to join with Victoria County, but Charters said the newly introduced tax rates are going a long way to dissuade them of the idea.

While most tax rates in Haliburton County hover around 1%, in Somerville (Victoria County) the tax rate is 1.4% and in Galway/Cavendish & Harvey (Peterborough County), it's 1.5%. Property taxes would therefore be lowered by joining Haliburton County, per-

haps through an amalgamation with Snowdon township, Charters said.

However, the main question is "will Peterborough County let us go? If they don't, we're dead," Charters says, referring to the triple majority required for the break-up: approval must be given by the municipality, Peterborough County and last on the list, Haliburton County.

It may be advantageous for property owners in Galway to join with Haliburton, but their gain is Peterborough's loss in assessment. This loss may be even more acutely felt since few services have to be provided in the largely rural, unpopulated area. Charters' figures, however, seem to indicate it would only cost other Peterborough County property owners an extra dollar or two should Galway take its assessment elsewhere.

He also thinks Harvey will be

fairly amenable to the split because of driving time from the main office in Buckhorn to Galway, which has an office in Kinmount.

"We're prepared to fight hard for this," he said.

And would there be a cost to Haliburton County to take on a new municipality. Charters said the main consideration would be the 25 km of hard-topped roads and 105 km of gravel roads.

Charters, who attended Tuesday night's meeting with several other members of the association, asked for and received a letter from Haliburton County saying that if Peterborough County agrees to let it go, Galway could join Haliburton.

"We think you're right but the problem we have is it's not our business until Peterborough County agrees," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "It's a matter of fairness - do they want to keep you just because you're a revenue source. You'd have a strong argument that you've put more into their tax base (than you receive back in services)."

Charters and his association will spend the next few weeks gathering information and plan to visit each municipality in Peterborough County separately before addressing the issue at Peterborough County council.

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Surely souls are weeping

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, when people talk about the hospital expansion projects, they've often added a rueful proviso: "If I ever live to see it."

Certainly, the process seemed to drag on so long, having to overcome so many obstacles, that many did have reason to fear that all their hard work would not bear fruit in their lifetime. Think of people such as Grenville Stamp, paralyzed in a car accident and unable to be hospitalized in the county, making his long convalescence more stressful for him and his family. The West Guilford man became a symbol of why the expansion projects were needed. Then there was Harry Davis, the Stanhope reeve and fundraising committee member whose optimistic view that life in the Highlands was "ticketyboo" was often thwarted by the Ministry of Health's endless bureaucratic wranglings. Stuart Baker brought his diplo-

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martha perkins

matic skills to the board table as chairman of the committee which had to make the painful decision on where to consolidate acute care beds and how to handle financial pressures on Minden Hospital's emergency department. All of them believed in the projects; all of them, plus many others, did not live to see them built.

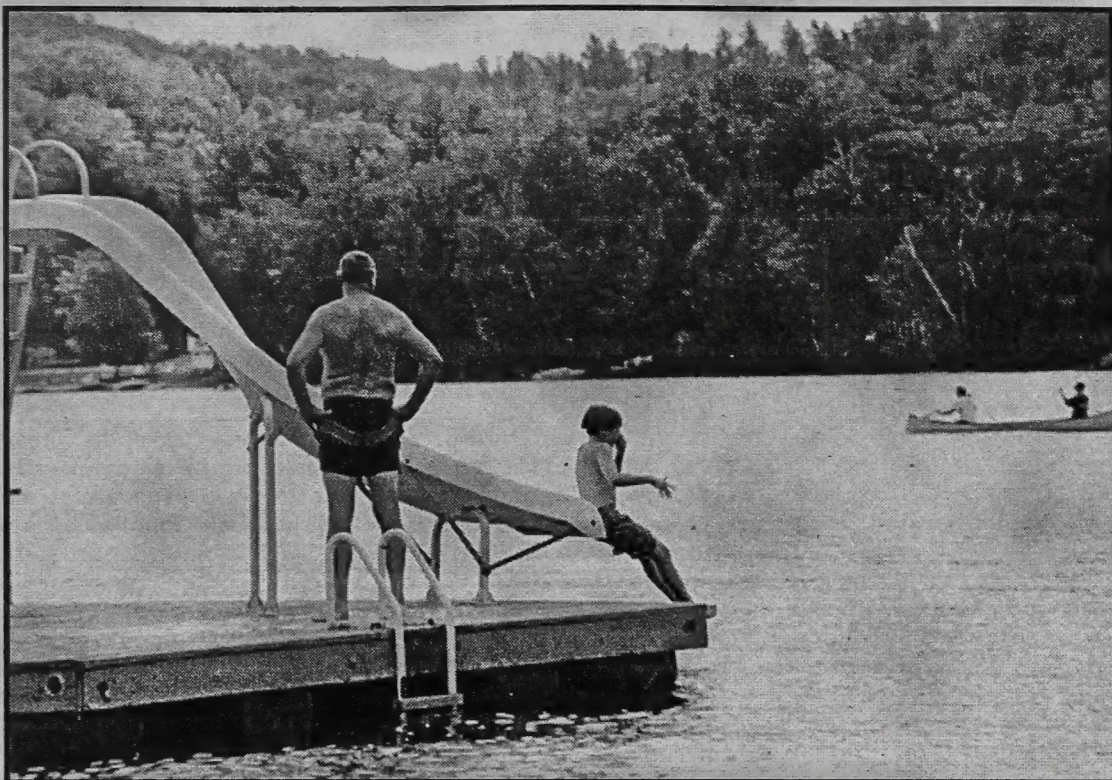
Luckily, the 200 people gathered in the PineStone's ballroom on Saturday night were witness to an incredibly important event: the signing of the tenders for construction of the two healthcare expansion projects, which will begin September 14. The actual event was over in a minute, but it was a symbolic gesture which carries the weight of the county's past and future. So much effort had gone into making those signatures happen, so many fights had been won and lost, so much disillusionment and frustration overcome, that surely, somewhere, souls were weeping with relief.

Looking back, it seems incredible that a \$2-million project 10 years ago is now a massive undertaking costing 10 times that amount. Would the county have been better off if construction had gone ahead, as planned, in 1987? Probably. Should we regret that improving healthcare facilities in Haliburton County will now cost \$20-million? Probably not.

A conversation three years ago with Foster Loucks comes to mind. Newly hired as the executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, and as such, administrator of both Minden and Haliburton hospitals, he was instantly saddled with the county's aspirations for better healthcare facilities.

In one of his first interviews with *The Echo*, the vaunted Highlands tradition of "making do" came up. County residents have long been praised for being able to "make do", turning what little they have into a lot of good things for their community's wellbeing. Loucks said that while the tradition of making do certainly is admirable and honourable, he cautioned that it has also prevented the county from demanding a level of service enjoyed by nearly every other community in Ontario. Perhaps we should have been saying we won't make do with aging equipment and hospital buildings; perhaps we should have been saying we deserve more.

Today, don't be dismayed by the projects' \$20-million price tag and the roughly \$4-million more we must raise as our share. The county deserves these facilities, and too many people have made too many sacrifices of their time and energy to let anything stand in our way.



A big splash for Big Brothers & Sisters at Wigamog

by Dianne Choma

letters to the editor

Garbage-strewn streets spoil Haliburton's postcard looks

To the Editor:

My wife and I just got home from a walk through Haliburton. The sunset over Head Lake was picture perfect and Cranberry Cottage should be the scene on a postcard beckoning tourists to our village.

If only I could say the same for the main street. It is an absolute disgusting mess! The one side was so bad we walked on the opposite side for the return walk to the car. The garbage cans were full and smelled like a waste disposal site. There was litter from one end of the street to the other including two piles of human vomit, and parking lots are just as bad. Amid this waste disposal site are new park benches and beautiful flower arrangements. Someone is trying, but why bother - the effort is obviously not appreciated and is only negated by the unsightly garbage.

The parks, beaches and shallow waters of Head Lake are covered with goose guano. And yes, contrary to local lore, goose do defe-

cate in our lovely lake. Isn't that a disgusting thought. How many residents on the Kashagawigamog chain are brushing their teeth with this lovely brew? I did read that we are going to bury the goose guano with sand. At least that will filter out the chunks while the run off filters through it and into the lake.

Sooner or later someone is going to get extremely ill from accidentally ingesting the bacteria filled water or get a serious infection from an open cut.

Lets pass the buck and blame it all on downsizing that is the current buzzword that works on almost anything these days.

But wait where did the municipality find \$15,792 to extend the walkway? How many garbage pail liners would \$15,000 buy? How many students would \$15,000 hire to keep our streets and parks in immaculate condition? And nothing short of immaculate should be acceptable.

Another thing, what shelf is

that very expensive consultants' report sitting on? You remember the report! That is the one that was going to make Haliburton a destination vacation paradise. It has been a great summer and the town has been booming. But stop and think if someone described this town to you would you make it your priority destination vacation spot.

I am not writing this letter out of malice or any-intent to offend anyone. I am writing this letter to the residents of Haliburton. We should be getting fair value for our tax dollar and clean streets, beaches and water absolutely must be a priority.

Jim Ellis,
Haliburton

your letters

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To the Editor:

Re your Salerno Lake story of August 18:

I knew they were tough little characters but I didn't realize

their name had been changed from Zebra mussels to Zebra "muscles"!

Jack Bush,
Toronto

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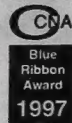


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Too close for comfort

IT HAD BEEN A WONDERFUL summer. Even now, as Flora and her sister and their husbands sat on the deck by the lake, Flora found herself talking about how unbelievably perfect the past two months had been. Warm days and sunny skies had predominated and these past two weeks of holidays had blessed Flora and her husband Jim with good fishing, swimming and long, lazy afternoons in their hammocks. This was the final night before packing up and preparing for Monday's drive back to the city. Jim was about to throw some steaks on the barbecue while the others sipped drinks and kept him company. The sun was low in the sky and a soft breeze swayed through the pine trees.

The calm was suddenly shattered by their neighbour George running across the beach from his cottage to the bottom of the deck. His binoculars still clutched in his hand, George said he had just spotted a boat that appeared to be going down far out near the middle of the lake. All heads turned in the direction he pointed, and a faint blur could be seen against the glare of the setting sun. Without hesitation, Jim ran for their runabout, his brother-in-law right behind him. Flora's cautionary words, "Be careful, grandpa," followed their wake away from the dock.

It had happened so fast. Flora leaned back in her chair and looked at her sister. They had no binoculars so George stayed where he was and gave a running commentary while watching through his. They would have to wait, of course, until the two men returned



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before hearing the full story.

George stated that it looked as though there were two men, one in the boat, the other in the water. The boat was sitting low and lop-sided in the water, its passenger waving his arms frantically. In slowly drawn out minutes, the would-be rescuers arrived, took on the two new people and proceeded to tow the limping boat to a dock halfway back to where Flora and her sister waited. They and George were beside themselves with curiosity as to what had happened and who the two men were. Flora also wondered why one person had been in the water, the other in the boat.

George followed the small procession to the other dock and they waited. It seemed a long time before Jim's boat pulled back up to their dock. Flora tried to wait until Jim was at least out of the boat before starting her questions, but her sister started asking what had happened the minute the engine stopped. The two men looked somewhat shaken, talking as they made their way to where the others stood waiting.

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Apparently, the two men had been more like boys, in their teens. It was to the cottage of one of them that Jim had towed the boat. Actually, the grandfather's cottage. The other young man was a friend visiting for the weekend. The friend had never been to a cottage and could not swim. There had been no life jackets in the boat. Once the boys were out in the middle of the lake, they realized the drain plug had somehow been opened and the plug lost. The pump

did not work and the boat began to take on water. The swimmer had been attempting to pull the boat to shore while his panicky friend clung to the boat in justifiable fear. They had waved to several passing boaters who had return the waves good naturedly and continued on their way.

What made matters worse was that the towing swimmer had chosen the longer route to shore rather than heading for the point in the opposite direction. Panic and the fact both had consumed copious amounts of beer before venturing onto the lake, might explain the poor choice of directions. That was only the last in a series of poor choices.

The grandfather had arrived just as Jim neared the dock with the sinking boat behind him. The man had been first alarmed, then angry, then grateful. There was talk of returning to the city early. It was at that point Jim and friend left.

A shudder passed through Flora as she realized what might have happened had George not been using his binoculars and come running to their deck. It felt like a cold dark cloud had fallen across the last rays of the sun. She shivered.



pic of the past

Robert Burns shares with us this picture of a business which no longer exists. In the 1940s, Frank Salvatori built what would be named the Bayview Birches Restaurant and Home Baking in downtown Fort Irwin. The business had several owners, including Mr. Burns' cousins, the Dodds, in the 1960s. Their cakes were highly in demand for birthdays and anniversaries, and many trips to the cottage would not be complete without a visit to the bakery. The Dodds were the last owners and the building was eventually torn down. Our thanks to Mr. Burns for the photo and information.

Everyone can take steps to ensure area lakes are cleaner

To the Editor:

"Poor water quality and increased weed production,"

were reported at the recent Lake Kashagawigamog Organization meeting. There are things each household, resort, and golf club

can do to prevent these negative changes:

1. Decrease or stop the use of fertilizers and weed control (unless they are natural/non-toxic) on lawns. Remember - all of these eventually leach through the ground and end up in the ground water and lakes.

2. Use biodegradable products for anything that goes down the drain - from shampoo, laundry/dish soap to cleaners. These biodegradable products are available in town.

If everyone starts using them, maybe they will even go on sale (hint!) or the price may go down (utopia!).

Remember - there is only a finite amount of water in the world - what goes down the drain, eventually goes in the lakes and then falls on us! We can all help to keep the water clean!

Nancy Ballantyne,
Haliburton

They're off

by EV STATA,
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I went to the races the other day

To see how fast the horses could tote my money away,

Had a fun bus ride, lots of people I knew,

Even made some new friends, in fact quite a few;

Got there at noon just in time for lunch,

And boy, what a spread they gave us to munch;

Roast beef and chicken, veggies and spuds,

Salads and pasta tickling your taste buds.

Then to the dessert bar, what a feast for the eye

Fresh fruit, tortes and tarts, you just can't pass by.

Then it's time to bet; should

I win, place, or show?

It's all a conundrum, I really don't know.

I kiss my twoney good-bye and hope for a win.

How was I to know it wouldn't come in?

So I dig out another two from my bag

And lay her down on another nag.

Made ten cents this time, oh, what a big thrill

Put it on the next race, haven't yet got my fill;

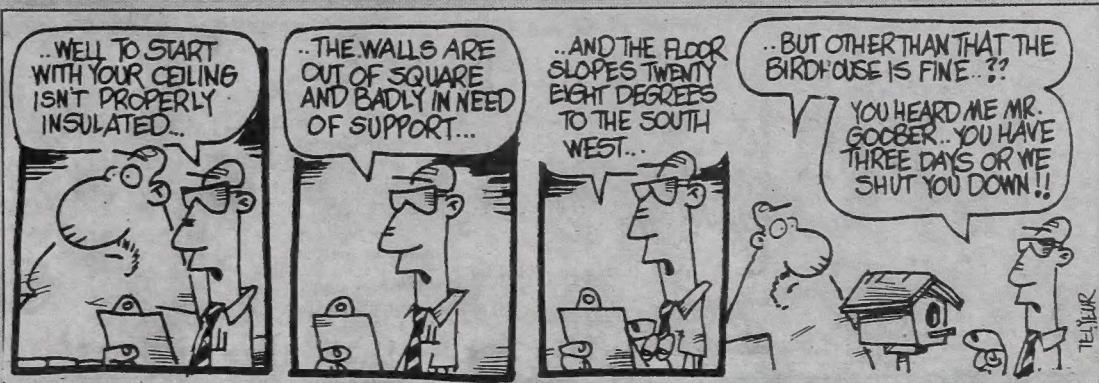
And so the day went, won a little, not a lot

Came out about even, never hit the jack-pot.

But had a great time and I'll say without fear,

Think I'll have to go back again next year.

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



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Saturday's Kash Dash, organized by Dr. Steve Ferracuti, to raise funds to send physicians to underdeveloped countries, drew 99 adults and 35 children. Clockwise, from top, left, Jim Hopkins leads Tamara Poropat in the kids' race; the children set off and the adults begin the 10K run.



Kash Dash runners post speedy times

In the adults' 10K race, the top three men across the line were: Tom Lobsinger of Orillia, 34:15; Ken McAlpine of Kitchener, 34:47; and John McCormack of Cambridge, 35:04. The top female finishers were: Lisa Burrows of Orillia, 40:35; Christine Newman of Belleville, 45:10; and Janice Kwon of Kingston, 45:58. The top local male and female finishers were Blake Paton, 38:12, and Kristy Gammon, 49:00. In the kids' 1K race, top spots went to: Jessie Foster, 3:41, Thomas Irwin, 3:43, and sisters Belinda Howitt, 3:44, and Melanie Howitt, 3:46.

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Ski volunteers commended

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"We are very grateful that you assumed the responsibility for managing the ski trails this past season," remarked Bob Stewart, manager of the Frost Centre. "This valuable recreational resource remains available to local residents and visitors to Haliburton County as a result of your leadership and hard work."

Volunteers who made a difference included Margaret and Peter Brogden, Don and Karin Finigan, Barney Wilson,

Anu Lelap, Shirley Davidson, Ron and Helen Berry, Kelly Anger, Graham Brogdorff, Doug and Shirley Sturgess, Marion and Stan Hill, Mary and Dr. Jim Gordon, Jim and Donna Fry, Liv Anderson, Ralph Mintz and Margaret Draper.

Bruce Davidson was commended for the fine job he did in grooming the trail and maintaining the equipment.

September 12 and 13, 1998 has been scheduled as trail work days. The SFFC invites one and all to join them for camaraderie and outdoor exercise. For more information call Margaret or Peter at 705-754-2351. If anyone is interested in serving on the executive committee please call Wally at 705-489-4414.



WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPS:

The Haliburton Women's Soccer Team recently won the championship in the Lindsay Women's Recreational Soccer League, with 12 wins, one loss and two ties. Team members (above) include: (back, from left) Jenn Turner, Meg Agnew, Traci Hubbert, Amy Ellis, Amy Petrow, Katie Clark and Amanda Duncombe. Front, from left: Jody Reid, Brenda Lavender, Crystal Alton, Tanya Sisson, Amber Lee Cully and Inga Haedicke. Inga, at left, was the league's top scorer with 19 goals. In the photo at top, left Haliburton players move the ball in game action two weeks ago.

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body rhythms

— Lisa Box-Warburton

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1. Proper sleep
2. Increase water intake
3. Eat enough food
4. Carbohydrates improve energy.
5. Eat some fat; too low can affect energy.
6. Take a multi-vitamin - if diet isn't sufficient
7. Check iron
8. Don't skip breakfast
9. Limit caffeine, sugar and alcohol
10. Get some sort of physical exercise
11. Breathe deeply

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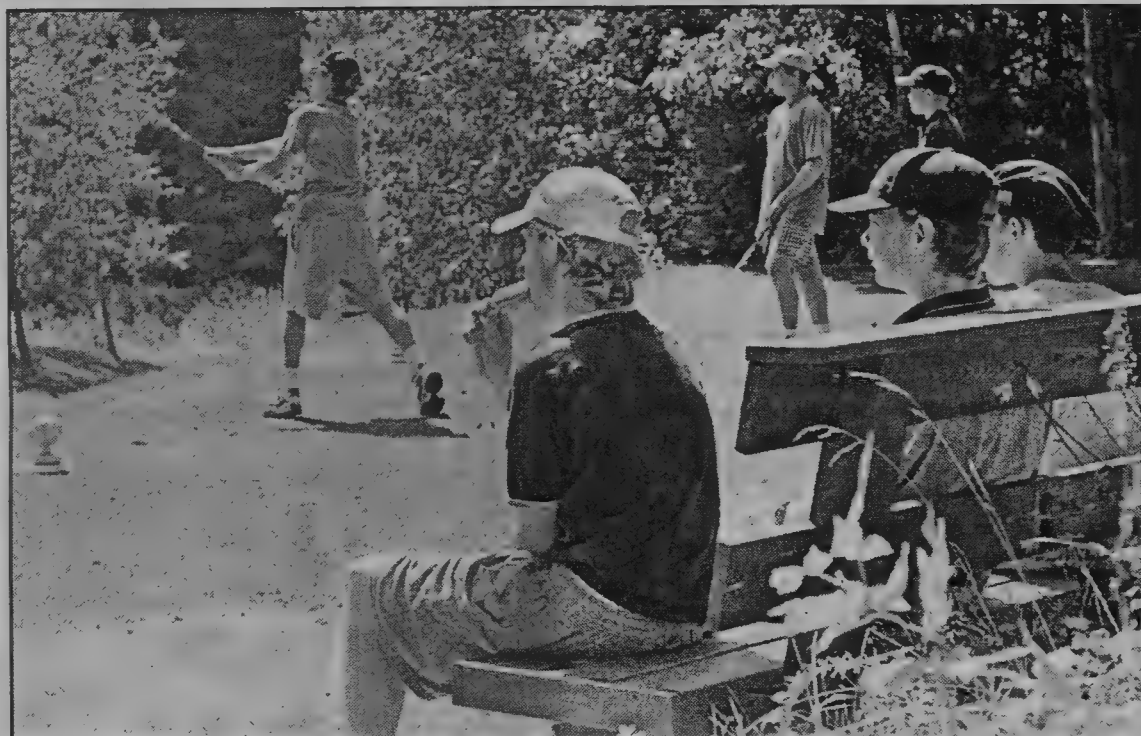
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Highlands-Echo Open results

The second round of the Highlands-Echo Open golf tournament recently wrapped up. Following are the results: Tom Ecclestone defeated Dave Stevens 2 and 1; Mike Irwin defeated Ken Ablet 2 and 1; Dave Bunker defeated Larry Rosenberg 3 and 2; John Gunning defeated Andy Madill 5 and 3; and Warren Moon defeated Eldon Bull on the third extra hole.

The tournament is entering its third round with John Gunning getting the bye. Tom Ecclestone will play against Mike Irwin and Dave Bunker will face Warren Moon.



Young golfers to the fore:

On Wednesday, 67 young golfers converged at the Highlands Golf Course to compete in the second annual Junior Golf Tournament. Organizers Ryan Hutson and Ryan Wood are pleased they had 20 more golfers than last year, including six girls who vied for the new trophy donated by the Haliburton Women's Golf League. At left, Caleb Lougheed tees off at the scenic 8th hole, where Terry Dawson below putts the ball. At lower left, golfers watch their competitors start off.

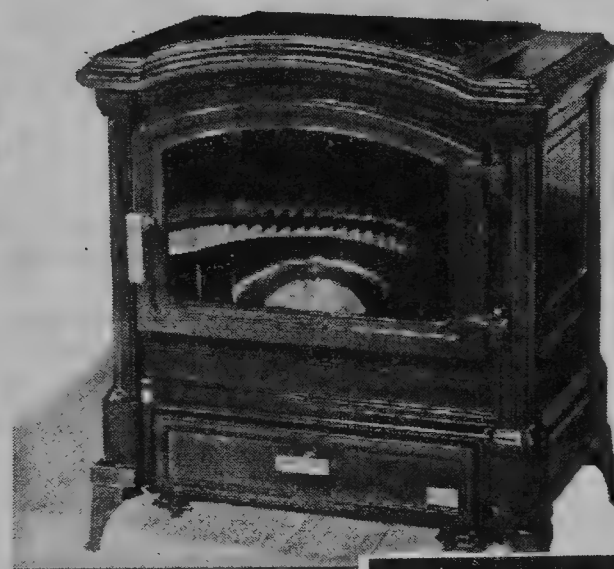


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Board wants to protect decision-making powers on local health issues

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Board chairman Hugh Nichol fears a joint committee of area hospital officials may erode the county's decision-making powers on health care issues.

In the spring Nichol called the provincial Health Services Restructuring Commission's decision to leave the county's health services board intact "a huge victory."

But the commission also ordered the five hospitals in this health district to set up a Joint Executive Committee to co-ordinate the services they offer and implement the restructuring changes brought down by the commission.

The committee, still being assembled, will comprise an equal number of officials from the HHHS board, Peterborough Civic Hospital, Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay,

Campbellford Memorial Hospital and the Northumberland Health Care Corporation, which operates Cobourg's hospital.

Nichol told board members he's worried the county could see its governance over local health care issues begin to slip away under the committee's control.

"It's a double-edged sword. Either the committee will have real power and will be able to help us or it will create another layer of bureaucracy and be a step toward single governance for the whole area," he said.

Nichol suggested that the board hold a special meeting next week to discuss the committee and develop a position on the board's involvement in it.

At this point it's been recommended that each hospital or health services board have four representatives on the committee.

Lab restructuring

Just as the province is making widespread changes to hospitals

across Ontario, it is also restructuring their medical laboratories, explained HHHS executive director Foster Loucks.

In an attempt to find savings, the Ministry of Health has divided the province into regions which will each be serviced by a central lab for certain tests and so-called "rapid response labs" at each hospital within the region for more routine tests.

Under the proposed restructuring model, hospitals in Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge, plus Durham, would be combined into a single region and serviced by a central lab at Oshawa General Hospital.

The changes will have little impact on lab tests in the Highlands, said Loucks. The health board's arrangement with MDS Laboratories, which does all testing for Haliburton and Minden Hospitals, will continue.

The restructuring plan is expected to save between \$3 million and \$4 million in this health district alone, Loucks said.

Area portables free of toxic mould

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Area schools have been spared the costly "horror stories" of toxic mould other school boards have experienced in their portables, says an education official.

All 200 portables across the three-county school district were inspected for signs of the mould that has forced some boards to demolish dozens of portables, Jim Bradley told Trillium Lakelands School Board trustees at a meeting Tuesday night.

A "potential issue" was detected at 14 of the portables which showed signs of water damage, but repairs were to be carried out by the end of August, said Bradley, the board's superintendent of plant and transportation.

Air-quality testing to ensure there are no signs of mould will be carried out in early September, he explained.

Other nearby school boards have been far less fortunate, facing huge bills to replace portables contaminated by a toxic mould called *strachybotrys atra*.

Boards have been quick to try to replace or repair affected portables because prolonged exposure to the mould has been linked to various health problems, including migraines, nosebleeds, diarrhea, lung problems, shortness of breath, coughs, muscle pain, fever, rashes and sore eyes.

Students at several schools in Peel will start the year in make-shift classrooms in auditoriums, libraries and gymnasiums next week because so many portables had to be destroyed.

The Peel board had to demolish 40 portables and repair 37 because the mould was so bad. It may also have to destroy more of the 140 portables it has found to have mould problems.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board had to spend more than \$1.5-million to rebuild 126 contaminated portables.

Meanwhile, Bradley told trustees renovations at Haliburton's high school and construction of the village's new primary school are proceeding on schedule.

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Summer Forum gives residents a chance to critique the county's strategic plan process

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the afternoon session of the Strategic Planning Committee's Summer Forum at the Glamorgan Community Centre Aug. 26.

When residents from across the county gathered in Gooderham Wednesday for the Strategic Planning Committee's Summer Forum, they were expecting to hear sober presentations from local officials on the future development of the Highlands.

What they got, however, was a more informal take on last year's forum, with free food, games and lively group discussions.

Carolyn Bray, facilitator of the day's events, began the forum with a game in which everyone was asked to choose a partner and stand back-to-back. One partner changed three things about his or her appearance, then the other partner had to try to guess what was different.

The point of the game, said Bray, was to show that modification, not a steadfast goal, is the key to strategic planning.

"One of the problems you run into is trying to keep the community's plan in focus," said Bray. "You have to keep your strategic plans off the shelf and keep them dynamic and active. This afternoon, we have to bring the Strategic Plan to life in Haliburton County."

Representatives from each of the Strategic Planning sub-committees made

brief presentations to the audience, then gathered at separate tables to speak with residents about their ideas and concerns.

Transportation

County CAO Les Shepherd spoke about the progress the transportation committee has been making.

The committee, he said, has always had firm goals about developing a transportation system in the county, but never had the funding until now.

Last year the county hired a consulting firm to create a plan for a county-wide public transportation system. With that plan in place, the committee was then able to apply to the government's Community Transportation Action Program for funding.

Tuesday night, county council agreed to provide corporate backing for the proposal, and Shepherd said residents can expect to see some concrete development of a public transportation system within the next six to 12 months.

The committee is now in the process of recruiting a non-profit agency to run the system and will be setting up a toll-free number for the service within the next two months.

Shepherd said residents can help speed up the system's development by volunteering to be drivers, helping to fund raise and advertising the service.

"The intention of this process has been to pull all the bits and pieces of transportation together," Shepherd said of his com-



DISCUSSING THE FUTURE:

Members of the youth group gather at the Strategic Planning Summer Forum in the Glamorgan Community Centre to share their ideas about transportation and activities for the county's student population.

mittee's work over the past year.

Environment

Looking at the big picture is the key to sustaining the county's environment, said Carolyn Coburn of the environmental advisory committee.

"I think of this county as living on the edge: on the edge of the Canadian Shield, on a boundary of dense population and scattered population," said Coburn.

"The edge is a very interesting place biologically. It's where there's the most diversity, the most opportunity. I think Haliburton County has tremendous opportunities and should develop them."

Developing the environmental potential of the county will be the goal of committee members in the coming year.

This summer the committee joined the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition to see how other communities deal with environmental issues. It has decided to focus its efforts on raising the county's awareness of environmental concerns and of the

need to live in a sustainable way.

Health

Improving the county health system, the major focus of the health committee this year, is progressing quickly, but volunteers and donations are still badly needed, said Ross Davies.

Davies spoke on behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board about the expansion work that is being done on the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. He said contributions from all levels of government have been outstanding, but the committee still needs to fund raise another \$4-million to achieve its goals.

"All this kind of infrastructure is a critical element in providing confidence in our health system," said Davies.

Equally important, however, is the need to reduce spending on medical treatment through preventative programs, he said. This will be another major goal for the committee this year.

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Highlanders have their say at second annual event

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Youth

Shannon Maguire presented the results of a recent survey done by the youth development committee to gauge the opinions of students from Grade 7 to OAC about the services the county has to offer them.

The surveys indicate that youth in small, local communities feel there are few activities for them to take part in outside of school. They also feel distanced from services because they often lack their own transportation, said Maguire.

"Haliburton County may be 'Where it's Art' for adults, but not for youth. Transportation is crucial. In most cases your parents are working and the car is busy. Teens in Haliburton County need a regular bus route that circulates throughout the county."

Transportation for students is one of the committee's goals for this year.

Also speaking for the youth group was Tom Bates, a representative from Protocol in Minden, who announced that his association launched a new site in February. The site has been very successful, with 200 signatures in its guest book so far.

Protocol volunteers have organized a car wash and a 50-50 draw to purchase a stereo and lighting system for the facility. They hope to hold dances there this year.

"The idea of a facility for youth being run by youth is a good one," said Bates.

Luke Merriam was also on hand to update the audience on the progress that is being made to install a skateboard park in Haliburton Village.

Dysart council has agreed to donate land for the park, the preferred site for which is near Parklane apartments. The group is currently trying to raise the more than \$30,000 that will be needed for its construction.

In other news, Kim Harding, the student hired by Family Services of Haliburton

County to perform a survey of community assets across the county, reported back on her findings.

Harding went door-to-door interviewing cottagers about the skills and connections they have to offer in an attempt to make an inventory of the county's resources.

Harding discovered that the majority of cottagers in the county are retired engineers and teachers who come up to enjoy the natural environment. Taxes, medical care and lake water quality are their top concerns, she said.

Networking

The networking committee has been covering a lot of ground since it hired a private consultant a few months ago to help it advance its goals.

One of those goals is to see the county fitted with fibre optic lines that could link all major institutions to a common network.

"This will enable virtually the whole county to get on the Internet and to do it efficiently," said Diana Ferguson, chair of the networking committee. "It will be possible to do this if the county, municipal governments, health services and school board get in on this as primary users."

Bev MacWilliams, Information Systems Coordinator for the Trillium Lakelands School Board, has already put in a funding proposal for a network that would link all district schools.

The committee hopes to use the network to market the county to outside businesses.

Economics

The economic diversification committee was formed last year "to establish a diverse, stable, year-round economy for Haliburton

Facilitator Carolyn Bray

County," said Andy Campbell, manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

The HCDC chairs the committee, which has been focusing on areas of economic potential for the county, including the environment, tourism, education, culture and new businesses.

The committee has already heard from a number of specialists on eco-tourism, natural gas opportunities and home-based business over the past year. It has also recently agreed to promote the expansion of Sir Sandford Fleming College and the Haliburton School of Fine Arts.

In the coming year, the committee will be looking into new trends that could benefit the county's economy and will generate ideas for diversifying the economy based on its findings, Campbell said.

Marketing

Like the economic diversification committee, the marketing committee has spent the past year researching the impact of several industries, including forestry, retiree

growth, tourism, ecology, business development and information technology, on Haliburton's economy.

"What we're identifying is essentially what we're trying to sell," said Stu Brandon, committee chair. "We're selling lifestyle, environmental activities, raw materials and, primarily, opportunities."

The 14-member committee hopes to have a marketing plan, which it will promote through the Chamber of Commerce, ready to present to the county by September.

Summer Forum

In addition to the afternoon forum in Gooderham, a session was held in the morning at the Stanhope Community Centre. Each forum was followed by a public barbecue hosted by the municipalities.

About 60 people attended each session. Organizers were grateful for the questions and ideas brought up by residents.

"Your participation has been very critical to this process," said Jeanne Anthon, chair of the Strategic Planning HUB Committee.



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New health council feels "up to the task"

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of the Durham Haliburton Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Council meeting held Aug. 26 at the Birch Point Lodge.

The new district health council got its first taste of the Highlands Wednesday when it held a dinner meeting at the Birch Point Lodge. It was the third time the council, made up of representatives from Durham, Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge districts, has met since it amalgamated April 1.

Foster Loucks, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and Hugh Nichol, chair of the health services board, were on hand to welcome the council and offer their advice to its new members.

"All I can say is be frank with each other," said Nichol as he talked about the "growing pains" the new council

will experience.

"Our organization will have an interest in this district health council. We have to work together," he said.

"I know there are a lot of challenges that council will face," replied chair Ray Kearns, "but I really do think we have the team that's up for the task."

The district health council, which was formed to provide advice to the Ontario Ministry of Health on regional planning and reform of the health system, has been focusing on three main issues at its first few meetings: long-term care, mental health and hospital restructuring.

Its mandate includes reforming health spending, reviewing hospital services and resources, integrating health and social services and working with other health organizations to improve the health system in the central east region.

Haliburton rep

Ron Gambell, owner of Gambell's

Antiques & Nostalgia in Minden, was introduced as the newest member of the amalgamated council and the first representative from Haliburton County.

"I was absolutely thrilled," Gambell said of his appointment. "It did take me by surprise. I didn't even know I was going to be a member until five o'clock Wednesday."

Gambell, who was the reeve of Lutterworth from 1979 to 1985 and the county's warden in 1982, was asked by MPP Chris Hodgson to apply for a place on the council.

The council toured the Haliburton and Minden hospitals Wednesday, as well as Hyland Crest, where Gambell was chair of the management committee for six years.

Gambell said he is pleased with the work the health council has been doing, but is concerned about the lack of public confidence in Haliburton's health system. He hopes residents will approach him with their ideas and concerns about the health system so that he can put the county's position before council.

"It should be certainly a challenging year and I think it's a good time to come on board because of the new hospitals being built. It's a very exciting time."

The 12-member council is still seeking an additional four members to fill its ranks. At the moment, Northumberland is the only county that does not have a representative.

Ministry report

A report by the Ministry of Health indicates the Durham Haliburton Kawartha and Pine Ridge (DHKPR) District spends proportionately more each year on drug programs, long-term care, mental health and ambulance services than the provincial average.

Stephen Jackson, the council's health planner, said the report's conclusion was a reflection of the above average age of the district's population and was no cause for concern.

Jackson was concerned, however, with

the lack of information available about the impact of seasonal populations on the district's health system.

While Peterborough and Victoria counties have conducted accurate assessments of their seasonal populations, Haliburton, Durham and Northumberland counties have not.

Haliburton has estimated its seasonal population to be 50,000 and is trying to compile an accurate number for next year's report.

The report states that, of the five counties in the DHKPR District, only Haliburton has measured an increase in hospital admissions during the summer tourism months.

Rural northern health

With the recent release of the Ministry of Health's expectations for the Rural and Northern Health Care Framework, district hospitals are under a lot of pressure to reform their services.

The Framework stems from a ministry study of the levels of service at rural and northern hospitals and their accessibility to residents. The policy seeks to pool hospital resources and create partnerships between them in order to ensure that residents in all parts of the province have equal access to health care 24 hours a day and links to specialized services.

While local hospital officials are working hard to comply with the Framework's standards, Lynda Hessey, executive director of DHKPR District Health Council, said council should assist them in any way it could.

"People have a great deal to work through in a short period of time. (DHKPR District) is very young in its development and needs some support to move forward."

Council decided it would be most effective to work in conjunction with the Joint Executive Committee, made up of board members from each DHKPR District hospital, to ensure that the objectives of the Framework are met.

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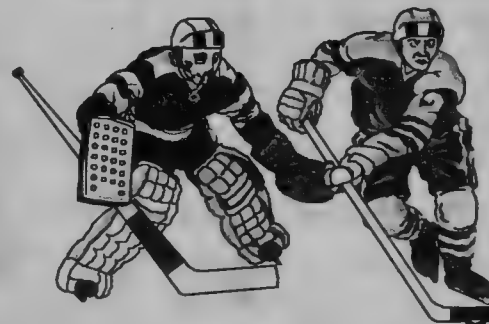
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Municipalities form committee to determine rates, set landfill hours

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Tuesday night's meeting of county council's steering committee, with seven of the 10 reeves in attendance.

As it prepares to update its tipping fees, Stanhope wants to have a better idea of what its neighbours are up to.

On behalf of her council's waste management committee, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison has asked the county to set up a new committee which will look at the issue from a county perspective.

This new committee would address such issues as tipping fees, landfill hours, waste reduction and hosting a day when county property owners could throw away such things as old paint and batteries, which aren't allowed in landfill sites.

Stanhope doesn't want to raise its fees in order to fall more in line with its neighbours, only to find out that Dysart or Minden are planning to increase theirs a few months later, Harrison said.

"We're all over the place (in

terms of tipping fees at municipal landfills)," observed Warden Murray Fearrey, looking over a compiled list of what each municipality charges for large loads of refuse.

Fearrey said one of the problems Dysart had this summer was people dumping off old mattresses at the Haliburton dump on their way to the cottage on Friday nights. There's no charge for old mattresses, even though they take up a lot of space and can't be recycled. Getting rid of them in the city involves paying a fee so it's less expensive for cottagers to unload them up here, where they have legitimate dumping privileges.

Most reeves agreed to put forward a name of a person to sit on this new committee. Not taking part will be the neighbouring eastern municipalities of Cardiff, Monmouth and Glamorgan, which all discontinued charging tipping fees after too many people responded by leaving their garbage in ditches.

As to the hazardous waste day, the cost was prohibitive when the county looked into the possibility a few years ago. Those costs may be lower, however, so this new commit-

tee will see whether it's feasible to hold one or two in the county next year.

Roads study

Since roads are every municipality's biggest single cost, the might also provide the biggest opportunities for savings if municipalities amalgamate.

To provide an objective view of roads operations and possible cost savings, the county will hire a consultant to do a review and make possibilities.

"If we do it ourselves, I don't think we can be at arm's length," said Fearrey. He doubted whether any recommendations would be accepted unless it was felt the study was unbiased towards any municipality.

Two companies have already bid for the project, estimating it will cost \$27,000, but Fearrey thinks the cost could be lowered by using information already compiled by the Barber report on efficiency.

Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates, in supporting the expense, said it should be noted that apart from the Barber report, the county has not spent much money on restructuring because it's doing most of the

work itself.

Sharing services

Further to the county's efforts to reduce costs by sharing services, local politicians and clerks will sit down together to discuss the role of centralized computerization.

Right now, each municipality has its own computer system, even though some computers, such as the one in Dysart, are large enough to handle the work of all local municipalities.

On behalf of the clerks, county CAO Les Shepherd noted that a decision about sharing computers is as much a political decision as an administrative one. He urged county council to give clerks some idea of where restructuring may lead so appropriate choices can be made if municipalities need to update their computer systems.

He also said an advantage of a centralized computer system is that a person could be dedicated to the job, which requires a lot of time and effort.

Each municipality would still have its own computer and key in the information from its own office.



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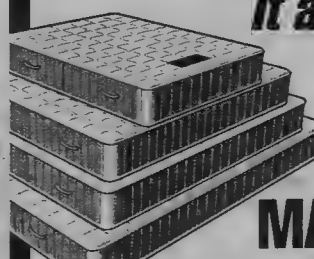
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Millennium Bug won't bug Highlands: expert

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

While black flies and mosquitoes will continue to plague the Highlands in the year 2000 and beyond, the Millennium Bug shouldn't be much of a pest, says a local computer technician.

John Craig, a HalHiNet consultant, says the Millennium Bug will affect only mainframe computers and programs that do calculations by numbers.

If those kinds of computers crash in the year 2000, the county will be affected indirectly, he said.

"Troubles elsewhere would be

passed down the line to the county. The worst thing that will happen is you'll have a huge delay in services. But it should be minimal because of the number of people they have working on this."

The theory behind the Millennium Bug is that computers using two-digit date codes will crash in the year 2000 because they will think the "00" entered represents the year 1900.

A bank program that calculates mortgages, for example, would think that payments were due 100 years earlier and would shut down.

Craig said those most likely to be incapacitated by the bug are

banks, government offices and the stock exchange, which all tend to use computers that have not been upgraded since they were first programmed in the 1960s.

While these institutions are now reprogramming their computers to read four-digit dates, Craig said it will be only a temporary fix and new computer systems will have to be installed eventually.

"They're just guessing at all the ramifications throughout the system and trying to patch them. When 2000 rolls around, something's going to crash."

Fortunately, municipal governments in the county have taken a different approach to the

problem.

Warden Murray Fearrey said the county has been working on the problem for the past three years and has begun to purchase new computers for municipal offices rather than reprogram the old ones.

The provincial government has already approved about \$500,000 in special circumstance funding for the county, part of which will be used to set up a new computer network that will link the 10 municipalities.

"I think it's really not going to be a major problem in Haliburton County," said Fearrey. "I haven't heard any municipality at the county level say that they're not prepared for the year 2000."

County banks have also been dealing with the bug for several years.

CIBC, the Bank of Montreal and TD Bank have all begun reprogramming the networks that link computers at all of their branches.

Phil Meyers, small business account manager at CIBC in Haliburton, said he is not worried about the Millennium Bug disrupting bank services.

"I'm pretty comfortable. I believe our company has been addressing it."

Others, however, are not as confident about the scope of preparations for the bug.

Lin Fines, the Bank of Montreal's communications manager for the year 2000, said that although the Canadian banking industry has been an international leader in dealing with the bug, there is still reason to be concerned about its unan-

anticipated effects.

"I'm concerned that it is more evasive than we understand," she said.

Fines said taking stock of all electronic equipment in the home and office is the only way to prepare for the year 2000.

She recommended people visit the web sites of the companies that manufactured their thermostats, phones and other items that might have date-sensitive computer chips in them to see if their products conform to year 2000 standards.

Computer owners can also hire students to assess their computers through Industry Canada's Student Connection Program.

"It's not just affecting government and big businesses. We need to be working on contingency plans. The smart person is going to double check," said Fines.

Meanwhile, the federal government is offering a tax break to small and medium-sized businesses which have to make their computers Year 2000 compliant.

Under the program, accelerated capital costs allowance (CCA) deductions of up to \$50,000 will be provided for computer hardware and software acquired between Jan. 1, 1998 and June 30, 1999 to replace systems that were not programmed for the year 2000.

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LOCAL HEROES:

Haliburton tennis players are applauding Molson's Local Heroes program for providing the \$850 needed to buy two wind screens at the Rotary Beach tennis courts, as well as a few smaller items. Last week, Molson's Joe Hawley was on hand to help local tennis players Cam Ross, Gord Pierson, Art Oullette and Roger Scheffee install the screens, which will help block wind from Head Lake.

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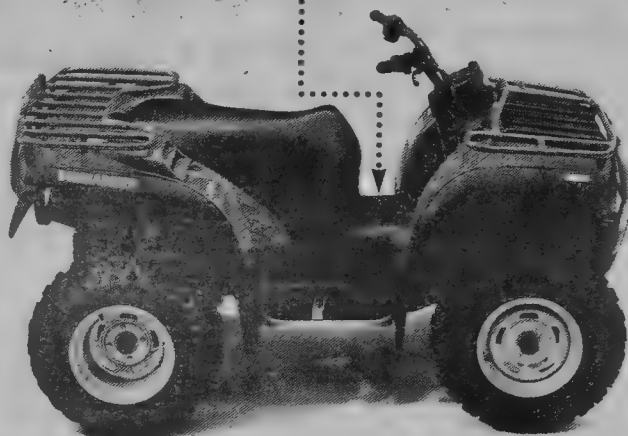
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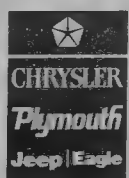
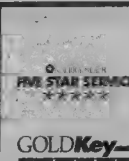
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Welcome shows county's 'where it's art'

Ethel Curry painting serves as backdrop to sign, capturing spirit of the Highlands

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It won't take travellers very long to discover that the Haliburton Highlands is "where it's art."

As soon as they cross over the border into the county, coming north on Hwy 35 from Northland, they will be greeted by a large sign that welcomes them to the land which has been the inspiration for a countless number of artists and artisans.

The backdrop of the sign is a beautiful painting by Ethel Curry, who grew up in Haliburton and went on to study at the Ontario Arts College under members of the Group of Seven. Today a resident of Extendingcare in Haliburton, she was an influence to many young artists as their teacher at Northern Vocational School in Toronto, as well as to Doris McCarthy, a respected Canadian painter who made painting forays into Haliburton's forests with Curry when they were young women.

The painting, which shows a cabin in the woods, captures one of the reasons why so many people make that trek up Hwy 35 – the desire to be part of the beauty of

the natural landscape. Whether you want to paint, fish, hunt, or enjoy the solitude of such a peaceful setting, the cabin, like the land itself, is a beacon, luring you deeper into the heart of the Highlands.

"The visual arts committee's goal is to raise the visible presence of the arts in the Highlands."

On Tuesday night, county council's steering committee

gave its official blessing to the project, which has been spearheaded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation's visual arts committee.

The committee's goal is to raise the visible presence of the arts, said chairperson Barb Bolin at Tuesday's meeting with several of the county's reeves.

Not only do the Haliburton School of Fine Arts and the annual Studio Tour draw hundreds of people to the area, but many artisans have made the Highlands home, enriching both the economy and our appreciation of the arts.

The 6' by 8' sign "would help fortify the imagery that this is 'where it's art,'" she said, referring to the slogan adopted by the School of Fine Arts. The sign will read "Where it's Art - Haliburton Highlands."

"A lot of people are excited about it," added Roy Truchan, a committee member who has designed the sign.

The HCDC has agreed to pay for the \$1,200 it will cost to erect and maintain the sign for the first year, as well as a \$600 maintenance fee for the second year. Bolin was optimistic either the HCDC or another sponsoring body will pay for the required third-year maintenance fee of \$600.

Getting the reeves' approval was one of the easiest tasks facing the committee. It has had to go through the

paperwork involved with getting the sign accepted as an "area profile sign" under the rules of the company which has been given responsibility for erecting all the tourism signs for Ontario. (TODS has the exclusive contract for all the new blue and white directional signs.)

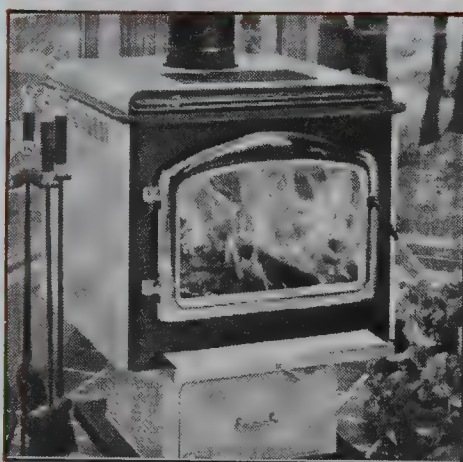
One of the rules is there can only be one area profile sign in a 40 km radius. That means if another group – the Chamber of Commerce or snowmobile association, for example – wanted to be able to put up an area profile sign, they couldn't do one within 40 km of the HCDC's "where it's art" sign. There could be one at the northern entrance near Dorset as well as the eastern entrance near Cardiff, however.

County council's steering committee decided to give approval to the arts committee in part because it's the only group which is ready to go ahead with a sign. The HCDC's marketing committee, in conjunction with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, is only now in the process of coming up with a slogan for the Highlands.

The arts committee will have the contract for the sign for three years, at which time another group can ask for permission to replace it.

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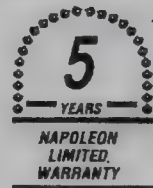


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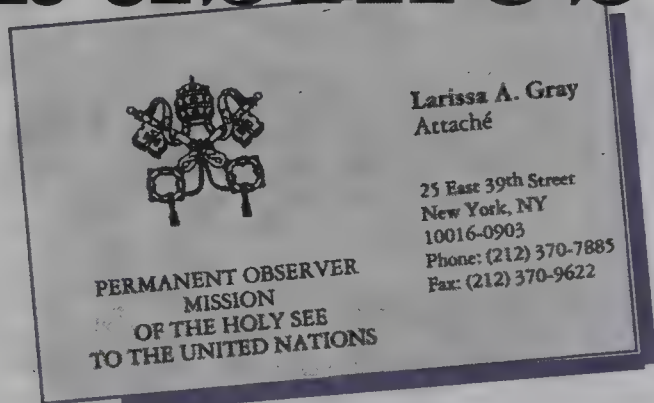
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MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IT TAKES a certain panache to be able to casually pull out a business card that reads "Larissa A. Gray, Attaché, Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations."

If Larissa Gray is blushing as she gets accustomed to handing out her card with its prestigious New York, New York address, then at least her summer tan hides it well. The accompanying smile, however, still gives her away, letting you know that her excitement about her new job is barely contained behind a professional demeanour that's been adapted to suit her new life in New York.

Back home in Haliburton for a visit with her parents, David and Julie Gray, the 23-year-old Highlands native can admit she has a business card to die for.

"I was just ecstatic," she says of her reaction to the news she'd been accepted for the one-year internship at the UN in New York starting this month. "I'm still caught up in, 'Wow, the UN.' It's a very unique internship in that I'll actually be a delegate for the Holy See." (The Vatican is the place; the Holy See is the institution overseeing the Catholic church worldwide.)

While much of her job will entail coping with the massive bureaucracy – and its resulting piles of paperwork – at the UN, Larissa knows that she will play a small part in helping form the policies that will shape the world at the end of the millennium. She's also proud that she'll be doing this under the auspices of the Holy See, which has been called the "voice of conscience" at the UN.

"It's really easy to represent the Holy See because it's a champion for human dignity. Rather than being concerned with political issues, it's asking 'what about the family?'"

As one of the Catholic church's youth delegates at the UN's world symposium of



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youth in Lisbon, Portugal, earlier this summer, Larissa got a taste of the world she's about to enter.

The youth conference, similar in intent to the women's conference in Beijing, dealt with a 12-page document outlining the

UN's goals and aspirations for the world's youth.

The Holy See wanted to make sure the document included a

brief mention of the importance of family, and although it was only one line in the document, it required hours of debate when some countries argued against it.

As another example of the way each word seemed to have the weight of the world attached to it, Larissa points to a line which starts "Recalling the achievements (of the Year of Child)..." To most people, it may seem simple enough to "recall the achievements," but some delegates said the line should begin "recognizing the importance" or yet another combination of words.

"They argue over everything," Larissa discovered. "It can be trying. I was in New York for three days before the conference and we barely got through this document (which was to be presented in Lisbon.) These 12 pages took a week in Lisbon, three preparation sessions of three days each and people working on it year round."

However, once adopted, the document became one of the foundations for any international law decisions affecting young people, and will be held up in courts throughout the world to protect the rights and interests of youth. The document will also become an integral part of other documents addressing the complex issues of these modern and truly global times.

Certainly, although the year ahead will have its headaches as Larissa learns how to manoeuvre in such a bureaucratic environment, it is an amazing opportunity for a young woman who has always set far-reaching goals for herself.

"I really want to do something with my life that will 'make a difference,'" she says. "Everyone makes a difference in small ways, and that's important, but I've always been interested in the international side of things."

The internship may lead to a job within the UN, or perhaps with the Holy See, two institutions which will enable her to reach her goal.

See Growing up page 22

Growing up in a small town is no impediment to international career

from page 1

And how did a young woman who grew up in Haliburton get this far?

When talking about the steps her life has taken, Larissa is a wonderful endorsement for the importance of reading a newspaper. She's been able to advance her career because she seeks out information, instead of relying on it to come addressed to her.

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and beginning her international relations and economics studies at the University of Toronto, she planted trees for two summers, a job which "builds your character

and gives you a lot of time to think." She was thinking about what she'd like to do with her life when she came across a story in *The Echo* that read Youth Challenge International was accepting applications from young people who wanted international experience by helping developing countries.

After spending three months in Guyana with YCI, she returned to her studies at the U of T, where she was elected to the board of directors for the Newman Centre, the Catholic students' seminary on campus, in an historic building across from Robarts Library. While reading a bulletin, she noticed that Holy

See was sending an intern to the UN. Was this something the Holy See did every year?

She talked to the priest in charge of the centre, who was very enthusiastic about her applying for the next year's internship position, so she did.

Meanwhile, just before receiving her degree last fall, she read about the federal government's internship program for international development. She applied and upon graduation, received a six-month internship at a consulting company in Vancouver which specializes in international business. One of her main projects was getting a coalition of Canadian universities and colleges to attend an education exposition in Dubai.

During this placement, the Holy See flew her from Vancouver to Toronto for an interview and as a result, she was accepted as the Holy See's youth intern to the UN. Attending the two youth conferences in Lisbon - one for youth to do their own action plan, and one the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth - became a chance to get a taste of what the year would hold.

"There are so many opportunities out there," she says to the young people back at home who are trying to decide what they should do with their lives. "It's a matter of looking out for those opportunities, reading the newspapers, reading on the internet, meeting with people and taking a chance at things. (This job with the Holy See) didn't just land on my lap, but it certainly is attainable for anyone."

Did Larissa, who attended Our Lady of Fatima in Minden, ever feel she was at a disadvantage because she grew up in a small town? "More than anything," she says, "growing up in a small town was an advantage. There's a lot of stability and security, and there are more opportunities for leadership. The pros certainly outweigh the cons."

After spending a few days at home in the Highlands, Larissa has now packed her bags for New York, making sure those wonderful new business cards are at the ready should someone ask her where she's off to now.

Highlands libraries get \$110,000 grant as part of provincial program for rural areas

The Haliburton County Library Board is receiving a \$109,996 operating grant from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson announced last week.

The grant is part of a total of \$18.74 million in Ontario government operating grants given to public libraries in 1998.

Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Minister Isabel Bassett said the government supports the library system.

"Funding to libraries will be maintained this year and libraries in some high growth areas will receive an increase of as much as 7.66 percent," Minister Bassett said.

The government announced last November that funding for libraries would be maintained in 1998 and that the best way to ensure growth of the provincial library network was through a continued provincial partnership with local libraries. A higher grant rate for rural households reflects the government's pledge to give particular support to smaller more remote communities.

The ministry used the most recent municipal household data to calculate this year's grants based on a funding formula of \$4.80 per rural household for public libraries.

The government's decision to maintain funding levels is great news for the Haliburton County Library Board, said Hodgson.

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Thank You

The Haliburton & District Lions Club would like to thank the following persons who volunteered to take part in the Dunk Tank at Midnight Madness, The Rotary Carnival and The Monmouth Agricultural Fair. With your help we were able to raise funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. (HHHS Foundation).



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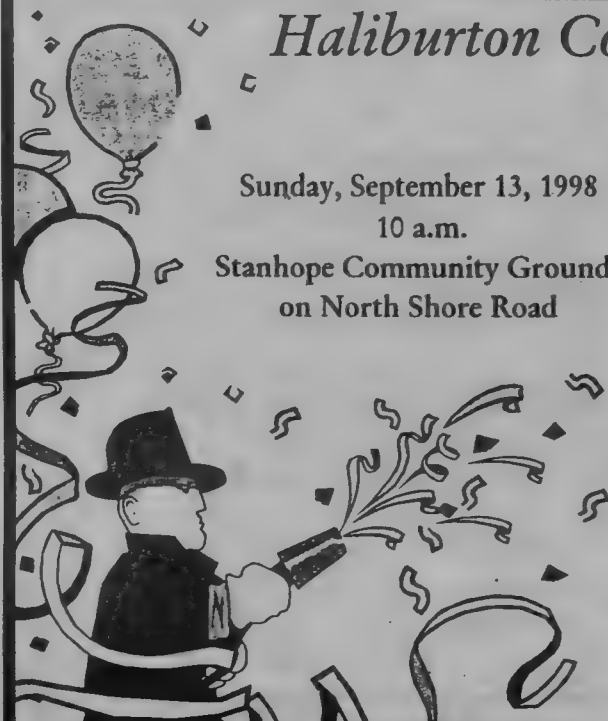
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County a safer place for snowmobilers

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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Andy Chvedukas' goal of making Haliburton County a safer place to snowmobile has been more successful than he first expected, thanks to the high degree of community support for the project.

Today, nearly every local fire department has a rescue sleigh and volunteers who are trained in how to use it, the Highlands cottager told county council's steering committee on Tuesday night.

The sleighs have been used in at least nine medical emergencies, better enabling volunteer firefighters and ambulance attendants to reach the scene of a snowmobile accident and transport victims to safety as quickly as possible.

"By bringing safety, we have also brought out more of a sense of pride that we here in Haliburton County have to offer to the sport," he said in his report.

Several years ago, Chvedukas was

badly injured in a snowmobile accident on a remote piece of trail.

It was very difficult for rescue crews to reach him, and when he recovered, he vowed to address the problem.

With local fire departments, he set up a committee which either purchased or solicited donations for rescue sleighs, equipped with stretchers and backboards, that can be pulled by snowmobiles.

Many local snowmobile dealers responded by contributing the snowmobiles.

By February 1998, Dysart et al, Cardiff, Stanhope, Minden and Sherborne et al all had the required equipment. (Monmouth already had a rescue sleigh.)

As well, majority of local firefighters are now trained on how to properly use the sleigh, with training scheduled for the remainder.

Although the snowmobile industry has undertaken many safety campaigns, "the unfortunate fact is that accidents will happen with the increase in volume," he says.

"The co-operation within the county from all financial contributors and dealers shows that we here have more than addressed snowmobile rescues. We have shown that we can be an example to the rest of Ontario with respect to not only

making this county a beautiful place to snowmobile, but a very safety-conscious place, too... I feel we as a committee have

shown responsibility in this matter and will continue to serve this community as we have."



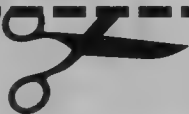
SOME TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:

To help people make their way to the VON Adult Day Centre at Echo Hills Legion Apartments in Haliburton, the centre recently held its first fundraising raffle. Taking part in making the draw were centre participants Frank Sckrapnick, Orval Johnston, Bill Mighton and Lila Mills, along with staff member Dianne Greaves.



CASEY/COWAN WEDDING:

ReNeé and Darryl were married at the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church on Saturday, June 27, 1998. Wayne Rutter officiated. ReNeé is the daughter of Ray and Lorraine Casey of Wilberforce, Ont. and Darryl is the son of Don and Lavinda Cowan of Brampton, Ont. The happy couple will reside in Brampton, Ont.



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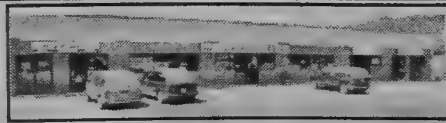
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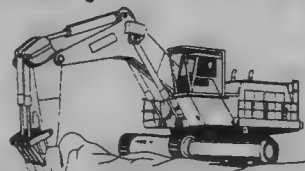
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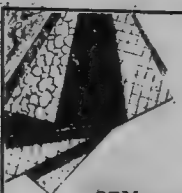
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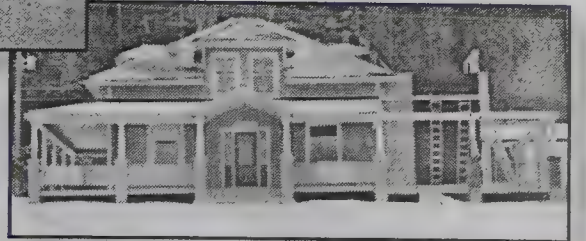
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September will be a busy month for Legion

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Both their music and generosity were greatly appreciated and will benefit the community at large.

The Honours and Awards Presentations and Dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to all who received medals, bars and certificates.

September is going to be a very busy month for the branch and the auxiliary.

Everyone is welcome to join the Tuesday Night euchre at 7:30 p.m.

Wilf Guenette Sports Officer would like all members interested in darts to be in the Club Room on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. to form teams. If you cannot attend but would be interested, call Wilf at 457-9791. He needs your input.

September 3 will be the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Lets have a good turnout.

On September 12, 11 members of the L.A. will leave by

bus for North Bay where they will attend the Provincial Convention. This is quite a learning experience as well as a lot of fun. The ladies will return home on Sept. 16th.

A drum head service will be held in Fenelon Falls on Sept. 20. It would be nice to have a good representation from this branch as the Drumhead held here was very well attended.

On Sept. 26 a Dutch Legion from Toronto will be visiting the Legion and area. Lets give them a warm Haliburton welcome.

There will be no Flea Market in September, but there will be a final bumper one on Oct. 10. An executive meeting will be held on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the L.A. will be on Sept. 28 in the Schofield Room at 7:30 p.m. The ladies are still busy catering and are now taking bookings for Christmas banquets.

Be ready to donate to the Blood Donor Clinic on Sept. 29. More on this later.

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Anne McKay
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EVERYONE'S A WINNER:

On Wednesday, Haliburton County Home Support Services held its draw to help fund direct services to the county's seniors and disabled people. Gord Monk, Home Support's honorary chairman, pulls the winning tickets at centre, while, from left, Home Support's vice-president Garry Holland, administrative assistant Ida Shultz, fundraising chairman Bill Hartin and registered volunteer Donna Hartin look on.

West Guilford to get a lesson on the history of St. Andrew's Church

Everyone interested in the history of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, West Guilford, is invited to the home of Elva, Earl and Eleanor Cooper, on September 2 in the evening.

Pictures and memories are welcome. Recording will be made for posterity!

Best wishes to Shirley Cowling's mother, Lillian Johnson, on her seventy-fifth birthday celebrated on Sunday with the Cowlings and Shirley's sister's family in town at Joan and Paul Brown's. Mrs. Johnson considered the piping a delightful surprise.

Congratulations to Audrey and Harry Fountain whose fiftieth wedding anniversary is to be celebrated at Maple Lake United Church on August 29 with their many friends and relatives.

Maple Lake United Church is also the scene of the beef dinner on September 5 with settings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Myra Marshall may be contacted for tickets at 754-1457.

The Centre is hosting a big dinner on September 12, also with two settings at 4:45 and at 5:15 p.m. Contact Mary Urquhart at 754-2057, with proceeds going to the fund for wheelchair access to the Centre.

Belated condolences to Mike Waterson on the Irish Line on the loss of his dear wife, Shirley, whose lingering illness ended on August 10, 1998. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all members of the family.

Our daughter, Beth Cooper, has been home for a week from St. Catharines.

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We're still surrounded by workers galore. But, rest assured, the first phase of renovations is almost complete.

We have been told that beginning on August 31 the moving begins.

Quite a few of us need to be moved into other quarters to make way for the demolition.

It certainly sounds like an interesting time, doesn't it?

Regardless of the confusion that seems to reign here, our activities and events still take place.

Our tea party August 20 was much enjoyed.

The ladies of Gelert were

here to host and what a friendly bunch they are.

Bessie Burke was especially pleased to see them and renew her friendships with them.

It was also good to have Barbara with us as she made the rounds visiting folk.

The following day the Grandfathers entertained. It was good to see Bill once again.

Over the weekend there were some special visitors.

Vera Stevens was pleased at a surprise visit from her sister along with her husband from Kitchener. Her sister made the long trip in one day in spite of recent hip surgery.

Another visitor spotted was John, Lucille Clarke's son, who spent some time with his mom.

Nellie Ranson, who has been ill for some time, was very pleased to have her son Bill visit her.

Bill travelled all the way from Newfoundland to spend

some time with Nellie. He stayed in the area for a few days and then headed back, through the stormy weather, back to Newfoundland.

We're glad you enjoyed his visit, Nellie, and we send you our get well wishes.

Bert Bonnell was with us Saturday afternoon and provided us with some great music. Thank you for spending time with us.

On August 24 the Diners Club met once again with Kim and chose its next dinner of the month. This will be enjoyed in late September.

Kim also had a variety of cereals which we enjoyed sampling. All in all, a good meeting.

Later on that evening, those of us who soon will be moved to other quarters met with Linda and Gary to find out the plans that have been made. Who's moving when? Who's moving where?

We came away from the meeting very satisfied that everything seems to be in place. We'll have to tell you all about it next week.

On August 26 the Northern Hillbillies from Norland visited. We were glad to have them back.

We want Suzanne Traverge (R.N.) to know we miss her. We hope you will be back with us soon.

Also, our very best wishes to

Darcy Birk (R.N.) and Sherry Rivard on their upcoming wedding, August 29th, at the Minden United Church.

A belated happy, happy birthday to Linda who celebrated her birthday on August 25.

Our column is a little shorter this week as our volunteer had to change her schedule, but we will certainly catch up on the news next time.

Whatever your plans, we have plans to help!



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Coboconk Masonic Lodge lives it up on boat cruise

Masonic Lodge members and their wives enjoyed a boat cruise from Fenelon Falls to Lindsay and back, with dancing on board, and a delicious dinner at Taggarts Landing restaurant in Fenelon Falls on Friday, August 14.

On Wednesday, a bus trip to Tottenham to see the old steam train was enjoyed by many.

Get well wishes to Don Young, of Rosedale and Head Lake, who has been in Ross Memorial Hospital since August 14.

Jim Isaac from Sunny Aires Trailer Park is doing well, after surgery at London.

Claire Brooks of Lutterworth Pines in Minden had a delightful week. Her grandson, Chad Harper, his bride, Wendy, and her mother, Carol, spent a few days with her.

They took Claire on a two-hour boat cruise to Orillia, visited Casino Rama, and had dinner in the CPR train restaurant. Chad and Wendy presented Claire with a video of their wedding and their honeymoon trip to Barbados.

Also, her son Bill's in-laws, Derek and Daphne Rogers of Mississauga, came to visit Claire and took her out to dinner.

Best wishes to Dale Wilson and Bobby Baldwin of Norland, who were married on Saturday, August 15.

Get well wishes to Ada Handley of Burnt River. She had surgery this week at Ross Memorial Hospital. She is a great community worker.

A Jack and Jill was held recently at the Fenelon Falls Legion for Janette Palmer

and Derek Cook, who will be married on September 12 in Fenelon Falls.

Another Jack and Jill was held for Miranda Newman and Ryan Marsh, on August 4, at the Fenelon Falls Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Laurie Newman and Greg Pethrick, who were married on a boat on Little Lake, Peterborough on August 8.

The reception was also held on the boat, and the newlyweds are living in Omeme. Laurie is the daughter of Ron and Shirley Newman.

Sympathy goes out to Shirley and John Murchison, in the death of her mother, Dorothy Waterson, from West Guilford.

Sympathy also goes out to the Peel family, in the passing of Christena Peel, at Ross Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Peel was in her 94th year and was the wife of the late Lloyd Peel of Bexley.

Byron Paris, son of Iris and Ron Paris, of Lindsay - a Norland resident some years ago - passed away in Ross Memorial Hospital on August 14. Our sympathy to his family.

Two sudden deaths shocked the community last week. One, a Ms. Lee, age 30, died on Monday, August 10, and a 37-year-old man, Gordon Harold Stewart, of Woodville, son of Dennis and Norma Stewart, of Bexley, died August 14 from a motorcycle accident.

Faith Tabernacle held their Sunday School Picnic in the park last Sunday. Lots of games, swimming and good food was enjoyed by all.

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things to do in the Haliburton Highlands

Looking for floats for this year's Santa Claus Parade, let the people in our community know your business is here. Our theme for 1998 is Nursery Rhymes. Contact Linda for further information at (705) 489-1609.

Every Tuesday Children's Story Hour at 3 p.m. at the Haliburton Library, until the end of August.

Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 High School Registration - Monday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Wednesday 1 - 8 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Parent/Guardian nomination forms for School Council representation available for pick-up in the school office

September 1 Join H.C.H.S.S. to see *Les Miserables*. Registration day Sept. 1. Trip - October 7. For info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 5 5th Annual Haliburton Forest 100 Mile Run (50 mile and 50 k. alternative), 6 a.m. If interested in participating or volunteering, call Helen Malmberg, 416-422-5130.

September 5 Bob Hunter Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, 11 a.m. For info call 447-3092.

September 8 First day of school

September 8 Knitter's Group, Guild of Fine Arts are holding a BBQ luncheon at the home of Margaret and George Bull, 457-2124 to raise money for the Teleradiology Unit. The beef will be donated by Honeymans Beef Purveyors' representative Dave Bull. The members are bringing salads, desserts, condiments, a few friends and folding chairs. Fill your car, come and have a good time.

September 12 The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists extends an open invitation to all to attend the Official re-opening of Snowdon Park along with country dignitaries at 10 a.m., followed by a mushroom identification walk led by Mike Collins. For further information, please phone Irena Durling 457-9230.

September 14 Contract Bridge, 1 p.m. at H.C.H.S.S., come out every Monday. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 14 Are you looking for a new volunteer challenge? Join the Dynamic Team at the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre. Our extensive Volunteer Training will prepare you to work in front line services, public education and fundraising. This is your opportunity to support your community. For more info on volunteering with us, contact Theresa at 748-5901.

September 14 Nominations close for HHSS School Council Parent/Guardian Representatives

September 16 Parent/Guardian Candidates forum for HHSS School Council 7:30 p.m. in the HHSS Library Seminar Room.

September 16 Ladies Bible Study "Joy of Living and Women on the move" registration day will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. This is an interdenominational time of study and fellowship. A nursery and children's program are provided. Fall Program \$25. all ladies welcome. For more information call: June 457-2873 or Mary 489-4574.

September 16 Parent/Guardian Candidates forum for HHSS School Council 7:30 p.m. in the HHSS Library Seminar Room.

September 19 Eagle Lake Community Church Roast Beef Dinner, at the West Guilford Centre, sittings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Adult - \$10, Child - \$6. Tickets available at Eagle Lake Foodtown or Butcher Block & Deli. Info call 754-3955, Sandra.

September 20 Annual Fall Supper, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 196 Bridge St. W., Bancroft, 1 - 6 p.m. All you can eat. Bingo: 1 - 4 p.m. Mass at 12:15 p.m. for visitors. Adults \$9. Children under 12, \$4. Children under 3, free.

September 22 Wheels to Meals, 12 noon, Gooderham Community Centre. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 23 HHSS School Council Annual General Meeting and Election of parent/Guardian Representatives, 7:30 p.m. in the HHSS Library Seminar Room

September 30 First regular meeting of HHSS School Council 7:30 p.m. in the HHSS Library Seminar Room.

September 30 Wheels to Meals, 12 noon, Rips, West Guilford. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 7 Wheels to Meals, 12 noon, KEI's, Haliburton. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

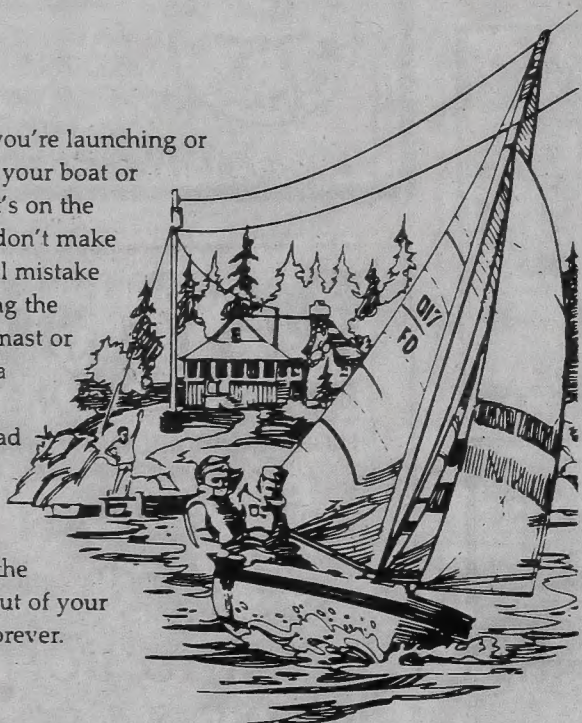
October 15 Linedancing, 10 a.m., at Home Support every Thursday morning. Info Call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 23 Cribbage, 1 p.m., at H.C.H.S.S., come out every Friday. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 29 Duplicate Bridge, 1 p.m., at Home Support. Bring a partner out every Thursday. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

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It's registration time for the Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. This will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Shirley Cunningham recently enjoyed a trip to Edmonton and Nordegg, Alberta.

It was a gathering of Girl Guide Leaders from Europe, Hong Kong, and all over Canada.

It was a very interesting experience, having one on one conversations with their contemporaries from other parts of the world.

They were able to visit all the points of interest in that area.

The famed West Edmonton Mall was explored as well as the Muttart Conservatory, and old Fort Edmonton, which is well maintained;

a couple of the original buildings are still being used.

At one point they saw the Lord Strathcona Lancers do their musical ride. The ladies really had a full week with more entertainment and things of interest to see than they

had time for.

There is a huge Community garage sale at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, Sept. 5. You can buy a table for \$5, then bring all those things you have been hoarding up to the sale and make some money.

You have the advantage of a central location and adequate parking space.

Birthday greetings to Jessica White, Arnold Brown, Gloria Morris, and Mary Graham.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Shirley and Arnold Brown who cele-

brate their 49th on Sept. 3.

September is the month that thousands of bright, shining, happy, laughing faces turn toward school. They belong to Mothers.

I have an apology to make for an omission in the Dorset News on Aug. 19.

In the Fairvern Tag Day article I inadvertently omitted the name of Shirley Brown, who was out there canvassing for

Fairvern.

I am sure that anyone who was in the village that day or any other tag day must have run into Shirley.

She is one of our most ardent and willing canvassers, workers for helping in causes for the public good. Sorry, Sorry, Sorry.

H.H. A paper towel can substitute for a coffee filter.



HOSPITAL HELP: Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast, presents proceeds from the recent Loonie Extravaganza the B&B held to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation treasurer Joanne Camelon and executive director Diane Springstein. Donations of \$275.50 were given to both the HHS Foundation and the Minden Hospital Fund.

NOTICES

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD AND ROAD ALLOWANCE AS DESIGNATED ON CROWN LAND SURVEY ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday the 27th day of October 1998, at 7:00 p.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part Lot 15, Concession 14, designated as road allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Instrument No. 28078, being Part 1;

SECONDLY: Part of the Original allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 14, being Part 2;

THIRDLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 14, designated as road allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Instrument No. 28078, being Part 3;

FOURTHLY: Part Lot 16, Concession 14, designated as road allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Instrument No. 1970, being Part 4;

FIFTHLY: Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 14, being Part 6;

SIXTHLY: Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 15 and 16, Concession 14 and in front of the original allowance for road between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 14, being Parts 7 and 8 (Part 8 being flooded lands to be retained by the Township of Glamorgan); all in the Township of Glamorgan in the County of Haliburton shown on preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, Ontario Land Surveyor, dated June 5, 1998.

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Gooderham, Ontario this 1st day of September, 1998.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 12, in Concession IX, on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 14th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 12, in Concession IX on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, and Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 29th, 1998, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday). DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of July, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



Municipality of Dysart NOTICE TO CONNECT

Bylaw 96 58

The Haliburton Kashagawigamog Sewage Works project No. 52-0127-01 is complete. Council therefore gives notice as per Bylaw 96 58 that the owner of any houses, buildings or properties will connect to the public sanitary sewage system within 1 (one) year of this date being August 11, 1999.

The Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

FIRSTLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on Plan 19R-6397; and

SECONDLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Plan 19R-6448.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 14th day of September, 1998, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock a.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: August 6, 1998

Diane J. Griffin
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and
Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Oxtongue Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Parts 6, 7, 11 and 14, 19R-6397-Sanderson;
Parts 12, 13, 15 and 16 on 19R-6397 and Part 9 on 19R-6448-Ministry of Natural Resources;
Parts 6, 7 and 8, 19R-6448 - Schell

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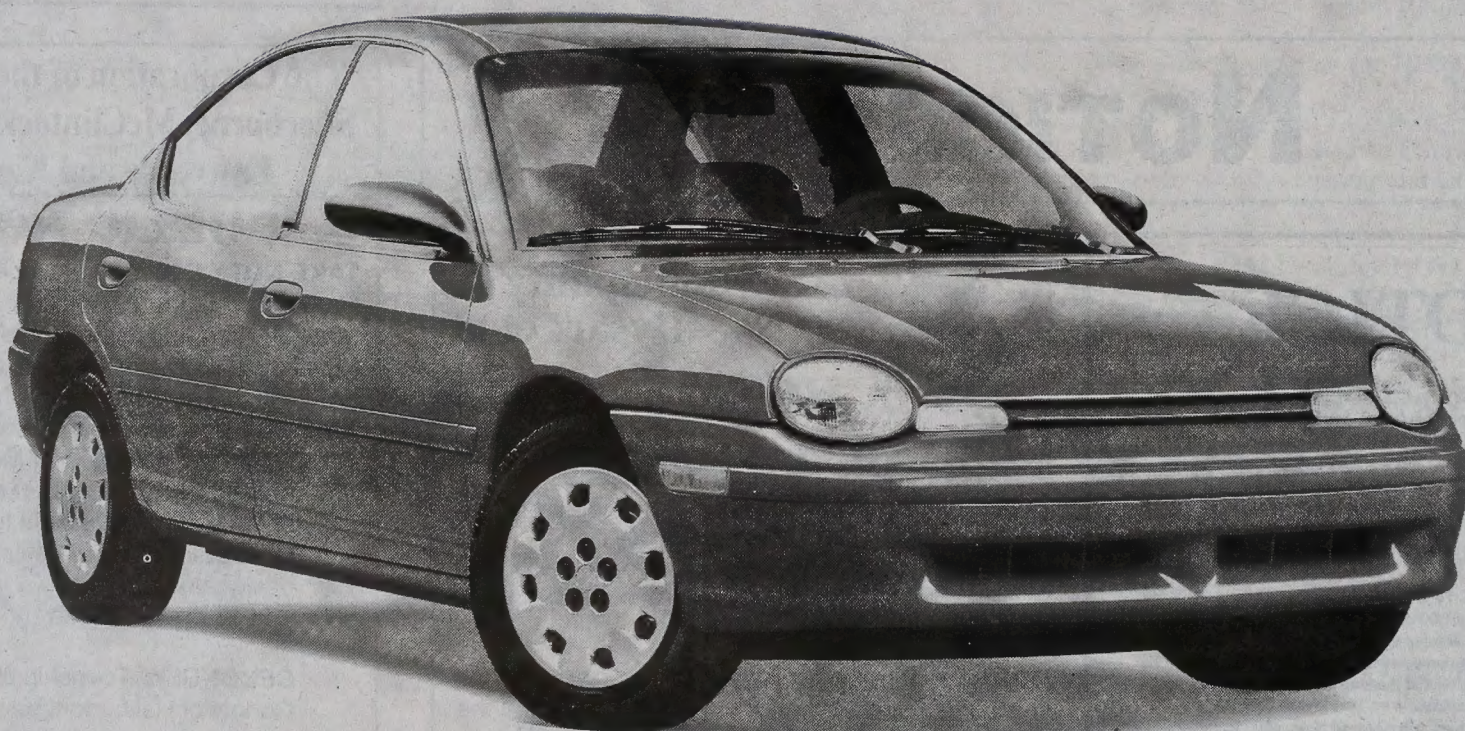
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